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SFF IN THE FAMILY

The following passages are from a column in the October-November 1969 SFF Nebraska Chapter Newsletter under their regular department - Chairman's Corner. The column was written by Mrs. Gail Lee, Chairman of the Nebraska Chapter. The column addresses itself to enlarging the level of husband-wife participation in SFF activities and includes suggestions which we can apply. It seems to me that her suggestions are applicable to friends outside the home as well as within.--

...don't insist upon conformity...To become a needle or a thorn, causes others to only draw away in pain and anger. "How to win friends and influence people" doesn't include playing the role of a suffering martyr...Sounding brass is empty, noisy, and unharmonious. Let your light shine brightly and you will attract unto yourself what God would have you care for, to the degree of illumination you have earned...Remember the universal law, "You may share wisdom only if you are asked." You will be asked by those led to you. The only other witness that can be considered void of egocentricity is that of example.

Never give up anything to make yourself holier than someone else. Sacrifice is for your own satisfaction. It is strengthening and reassuring only if the victory can become a habit. Thank God for the opportunity to know you have grown.

Sometimes antagonism comes from a misuse of the idea that a quest for spiritual knowledge excuses us from responsibilities. This is an escape...SFF should be helpful as an addition to your personal life, never as a substitute for problems we cannot face. It is easy to get so involved in helping other people solve their problems, that we don't realize the underlying attempt is to lose our own problems in a maze of activity. We can justify this with good intentions, knowing if we keep busy enough, we won't have time to look at ourself.

The best way to convince others the worth of anything is through reflection. Creating in ourselves something quiet, calm, consistently noticeable to be desired by others. There is no need for words. You will soon find a new openness in response. An eagerness to support and cooperate in your interests.

It is not our job to reform the world...In order to harmonize with the divine will, we must make the atmosphere around us HERE and NOW more pleasant for all.

Knowledge is knowing, wisdom is knowing how.

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FROM THE DESK OF
THE CHAIRMAN OF SFF RESEARCH --

"Still, to me the greatest thrill will always be to notice for the first time what everybody has always seen." -Hans Seyle, M.D.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY RESPONSE?

Within the past four years, starting with the formation of a Research Committee in 1966, three research projects have been initiated and mailed to the entire SFF membership. These have been known as Invitations to Research. Those who have answered any or all of these Invitations may wonder "What happened to my response?" "Why have I received only a copy of the report on the questionnaire to which I responded and a personal thank you letter from the Chairman of the Research Committee?" Or, in the case of one who received only the Third Invitation to Research (by design this questionnaire is on-going in nature because it is sent to all new members of the Fellowship) the "wonder" may be expressed as: "Why have I received only a thank you letter from the Chairman of the Research Committee for the material I sent in?"

In each instance this is because the Research program is set up so that research projects must be initiated within the Fellowship. After the application of reliable methods to the response to each questionnaire, from which the report on each Invitation was made, this material and that received subsequently has been placed on file in the Research Repository. The next use of this authorized material is dependent upon a research proposal (an outline of proposed research which includes purpose, background, method to be used, evaluation of results, personnel, possible use of material in the future) initiated by a member of SFF or an area group of the Fellowship or upon study by qualified individuals.

The Research Repository is the developing file maintained at headquarters of the names and the psychic experiences and interests of those who have responded to our Invitation to Research. The reply of each respondent is filed in the Research Repository located at headquarters office in its own folder: your handwriting, your typing, your psychic experiences. More than that, these experiences have been abstracted and placed on punch hole cards, a card for each respondent, called a B card.

To use the material in the Research Repository, it is not necessary to go to the files of the original questionnaire. The replies have been divided into approximately 100 categories and because of being abstracted on the B cards, information is thus readily available by a scheme which uses the principles of a computer. The cards are to be used in the office only because there is only one card for each respondent - no duplicates - and each card represents an investment of \$ 10.00.

For those who do not have easy access to the office, desired information upon request, will be taken off and sent, as long as this task does not interfere with the other essential tasks of our limited staff. When it is impossible for the regular staff to do it, special help will be procured if possible, and if authorized by the one making the request. A recommendation has been passed by the Council for a modest fee plan by which the list of the 97 categories of information from respondents, all available authorized information on any of these as taken from cards, and the psychic experiences of respondents as taken from the original questionnaires, can be made available to qualified individuals.

So anyone who has sent in their psychic experiences has made an important contribution to SFF research even though the reply of "only a report and a personal thank you letter" or "just a thank you letter" may not seem so. But as the Repository grows larger so does the scope of SFF research increase to the eventual inclusion of experimental research as well as the analytical survey type which of necessity is primarily what we have been able to manage so far.

Mary S. Sharp
Chairman, SFF Research Committee

AREA NEWS

● San Diego, Ca. - The San Diego Chapter held a very successful Prayer Lab on March 9 and 10 with Mrs. Joan S. Kimmel as leader. The theme was "The Healing of Self; Our Relationship with Others, and with the World."

● New York City - On May 4, at 7:30 P.M., Douglas Dean, outstanding researcher in the field of ESP, will lecture and show slides of dream research and other instruments used in measuring telepathy at Newark College of Engineering. Mr. Dean, Assistant Director of Research of the Parapsychology Foundation and also Research Associate at Newark College of Engineering, will also talk on death bed survey of doctors in hospitals....On May 18, 7:30 P.M., there will be a members-only lecture by inspiration presented by Pat Harmon, well-known psychic in the Boston area....Both meetings to be held at Lexington Avenue Methodist Church, 150 E. 62nd Street,

● Jacksonville, Fla. - Mrs. Jo Kimmel conducted a Workshop on Healing in Ourselves and Others on Feb. 9-11. These Workshops have helped to identify SFF with the basic goals of the Christian church and have met a real need in the Jacksonville community.

● California, Pa. - Irene van Dongen has offered the use of her apartment for an SFF Study Group of 8-10 people. SFF'ers interested in participating in a new group can contact Mrs. van Dongen at 938-9764.

● Zion, Ill. - Don Congdon has started a Study Group meeting each Sunday, 6:30 P.M., at United Memorial Methodist Church in Zion. All interested members are invited to attend.

● Central Pennsylvania - They report a probable 'first' - two Spiritual Stowaways. At a recent members-only meeting the Rev. Katie King gave a demonstration of clairvoyance. Two non-members attended using the membership of a friend who could not attend and who suggested they use her name. Subsequently the Chapter received a letter of confession and apology from the 'stowaways' with a check for a joint membership.

● Woodbury, N.J. - The last of this seasons lecture series will be held May 4, 8:00 P.M. Walter Houston Clark will speak on "The Place of Mysticism in the Religious Life". To be held at Christ Episcopal Church, Woodbury.

● Pullman-Moscow, Washington - Miss Emily J. Morgan is interested in learning if other SFF'ers in the area would like to join with her in beginning a Study Group. Miss Morgan has no telephone. You can reach her at 201-D Taylor, Pullman.

● Schenectady, N.Y. - The Rev. Ted Swager will deliver a lecture on the theme of psychic fellowship groups. To be held at Union Street Christian Church, 8 P.M., May 20. The cost of the lecture will be \$ 1.50 and it is suggested tickets be secured in advance.

● Omaha, Neb. - In May, the Honorable Harold E. Hughes, United States Senator from Iowa, will relate his own personal and inspiring Christian witness, as he shares why he feels the need for Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship in the world today. For exact date and place write to SFF Nebraska Chapter, West Omaha Station, Omaha, Nebraska 68114.

● St. Louis, Mo. - Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship of the Greater St. Louis is strengthening its program as plans are formulated for 1970 and beyond, according to James M. Flanagan, Chairman. Some sessions will be held at Webster College and various areas of the metropolitan area will be used for smaller meetings and study-development groups. Spiritual Frontiers, St. Louis, through its chairman, was instrumental in arrangements for offering a course in parapsychology at the Florissant Valley Community College. Some of the programs for this year will be conducted in cooperation with the Psychic Research Society of Greater St. Louis, of which Gordon Hoener is president. The first person to speak on the 1970 lecture program in St. Louis will be Kenneth Saunders, a London psychic who more recently has been devoting himself to presentation of drama in various parts of the United States.

SFF Study Series: THE PARANORMAL IN THE BIBLE

Lesson 1

Subject: Introduction to Bible Studies

--Prepared by the SFF Study Group
Committee

This first Study in the present series was first printed in January 1969. It is being repeated here for the benefit of the many people who have joined SFF since that time.

I. Definitions:

- a) Paranormal, "Beyond the normal; extraordinary."
- b) Psychical, "Perception of persons, places, or events beyond the reach of the five senses."
- c) Mystical, "Immediate confrontation with 'Ultimate Reality' beyond sense perception leaving one with a sense of awe, wonder, the ineffable."
- d) Parapsychology, literally "Beyond psychology; the scientific study of extra sensory perception."
- e) Spiritual Healing, "The art of restoring a person (or other living entity to a condition of health by the use of power that is attributed to the Supreme Being."
- f) Discarnate Beings, "or Angels, are those beings who, as far as we know, have never lived on earth but are 'Heavenly spirits."
- g) Excarnate Beings, "Persons are those who have lived in this world, whose bodies have died, and who now live as spirits."

Note: This study will deal with the phenomena as recorded in the Bible and explore such subjects as telepathy, clairvoyance, materialization, glossallalia, clairaudience, apparitions, angels, precognition, trance, direct voice, dreams and visions, psychometry, demonology, exorcism, healing by touch, mysticism, prayer, mediumship, levitation, reincarnation, karma, teleportation, telekinesis, etc.

II. Purpose of the course:

To study examples of the paranormal in the Old and New Testaments which range from the so-called lesser manifestations of God's power to those which had a profound effect upon the spiritual growth of those experiencing the phenomena. The purpose of this - in fact the primary purpose of SFF - is to reach beyond phenomena to the truth behind it and to an awareness of its relation to our own personal, spiritual growth.

In studying and developing each lesson, whether individually or in a study group, this question must continually be kept in mind, "How does this relate creatively to my own spiritual growth?"

Note: A Procedures Guide for the formation and conducting of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship Study Groups is now available. This is issued in response to the many requests for aide in forming such groups. The contents of this manual offer suggestions in the use of which each study group will find and develop its own personality. These are available for \$ 1.50 per copy and can be ordered from the Evanston office.

III. Examples of lesser and exploitive use versus spiritual growth use of psychical and mystical powers (the use of the spiritual laws of the universe--God's laws--for evil or good).

Genesis 20:3-7; I Samuel 9; I Kings 17:17-23.
Mark 2:1-11; note especially verse 8. John 4:8-42.
Acts 3:1-10; 8:18-21; 9:1-22; 16:16; 19:13; 19:18.
I Corinthians 12:4-11; 27-31; Revelation 1:1,2.

Exercise

Look up the above examples listed above and judge into which category each falls.

- a) Add to the above examples others which are more meaningful to you than those listed.
- b) At the present moment how do you use the paranormal events in the Bible?
 1. Ignore them.
 2. Consider them purely psychic events to be read.
 3. Revelations to aid one's knowledge and growth today.
 4. Mystical experiences which cannot happen anymore.
 5. Classify them as myth.
 6. Some other.

Into which category does your interest fit?

- c) Write out in your own words what you believe this study may do for you. Be specific!

IV. Suggestions to groups anticipating the use of these lessons:

1. Meet more often than once a month and expand each lesson.
2. Keep groups under fifteen in number for maximum effectiveness. Twelve is an optimum number.
3. Make use of available supplementary materials.

V. Supplementary materials:

- a) From the SFF lending library see the latest Catalog - section entitled, "Bible Study Books." Choose those which will fit your need.
- b) From the sales list you may order the following:
(Key to symbols: m=mimeographed; pb=paperback; pp=pamphlet)

Edited, Healing, A Bible-Related Study Guide; m, \$1.00

Edited, Paranormal in Holy Scripture; m, \$1.00

Elliott, Psychic Phenomena and the Bible; m, 35¢

Fitch, Affirmations, Aids in Learning to Pray; m, 75¢

MacDonald, The Biblical Prohibition in Deuteronomy; m, 35¢

Matson, A Month With the Master; pb, \$1.75

Pakenham-Walsh, The Communion of Saints; pp, 60¢

A charge of 25¢ postage and handling must accompany each item ordered. Address orders to the Sales Book Section, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, 800 Custer Avenue, Suite #1, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

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<u>The Power of Psychic Awareness</u> , \$6.95 | SFF Study Group Committee
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<u>Mother of All</u> , \$4.00 | |

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